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HOPE SERVICES AWARDED THREE-YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION

(San Jose, CA – February 23, 2011) The Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF International) announced that HOPE Services has been accredited for a period of three years for its Community Employment Services (Job Development, Job Supports, and Job-Site Training programs), as well as for its Organizational Employment Services. The latest accreditation is a consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting body has awarded to HOPE Services.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during on-site visits that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

"The team at HOPE Services is extremely proud of our accomplishment and the acknowledgement of our high-quality employment programs," states HOPE Services' VP/COO, John Christensen. "Employment is a critical step for individuals with developmental disabilities towards independence, community membership, and self-sufficiency in their lives."

Since 1952, HOPE Services provides services addressing the evolving, life-long needs of infants, children, adults, and seniors with developmental disabilities in Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and Alameda counties. For more information visit www.hopeservices.org.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

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